

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 11/29/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-35 and 52-84.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 November 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 1/20/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, with respect to claims 8-35, 52-63 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of these claims has been withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments, with respect to claims 64-84 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The examiner was convinced that the limitation "wide body aircraft" imparts structural limitations not found in the prior art. (see exhibit D)
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Enders on December 13, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8 is changed to read:

An aerial dispersion system configured for use with a host aircraft,
comprising:

two or more modular aerial dispersant holding tanks configured to
be sequentially loaded into said host aircraft and coupled together within
said fixed aircraft to provide a dispersant material flow path,

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a dispersal regulator configured to be coupled to said two or more
aerial dispersant holding tanks; and

an airborne dispersal device configured to be coupled to said
dispersal regulator,

wherein said host aircraft is a fixed wing aircraft, and

said aerial dispersant holding tanks are configured with a shape
and outer dimensions that correspond to dimensions of a cargo container
employed in a side-loading cargo system of said fixed wing host aircraft,
or wherein said two or more modular aerial dispersant holding tanks are
configured to f installation and removal from an aircraft passenger
compartment of said fixed wing host aircraft through a passenger door
opening of said fixed wing host aircraft.

Claim 11, line 5: The phrase “of a host aircraft” is changed –of said host
aircraft—.

Claim 12, line 6: The phrase “cargo hold of a host aircraft” is changed to –cargo
hold of said host aircraft--.

Claim 18, line 1: The phrase “where said one or” is changed to read --where said
two or--.

Claim 19, line 5: The phrase “to one or more systems of a host aircraft” is
changed to –to one or more Host Aircraft Systems--.

Claim 32, line 5: The phrase “to one or more systems of a host aircraft” is
changed to –to one or more Host Aircraft Systems--.

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Claim 76, line 5: The phrase "to one or more systems of a host aircraft" is changed to --to one or more Host Aircraft Systems--.

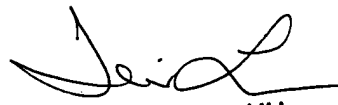
Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 8-35, 52-84 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen A. Holzen whose telephone number is 703-308-2484. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on 703 305-7421. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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